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# **Herger Calls on EU to Immediately Honor WTO Obligation**

**(Washington, DC) - Congressman Wally Herger, ranking member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, called on the EU to immediately comply with a World Trade Organization (WTO) panel ruling that it allow imports of U.S. agricultural biotechnology crops, including corn and soybeans.**

"I know that Ambassador Schwab delivered a strong message to Commissioner Mandelson this past weekend that it is simply unacceptable for the EU to flaunt sound science and ignore its trade obligations. The EU's inaction - and that of its member states - is having a direct impact on American farmers, and I am gravely concerned that the EU will continue to drag its feet in approving imports of safe and environmentally-sound agriculture produce from the United States.

"France's recent decision to block the planting of corn that the EU Commission has already found to be completely safe is particularly egregious and is contrary to the WTO panel ruling. The EU has allowed more than 14 months and two deadlines to pass, and it should act to honor its WTO obligations immediately."

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